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1. INDOCHINA

LAOTIAN CABINET ANNOUNCES WIDESPREAD SHUFFLE CIVIL
SERVANTS IN MOST MINISTRIES.FOLLOWING PROTESTERS'
"JUSTIFIABLE DEMANDS" SOUVANNA REPORTEDLY WILL
REPLACE RIGHTIST MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS
WHO LEFT GOVT WITH MODERATE RIGHTISTS. OBSERVERS
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SEE SUCH APPOINTMENTS AS INDICATION PL DOES NOT YET
WANT PUSH THROUGH COMPLETE TAKEOVER (WP). LAOTIAN
GOVT SAYS WOULD FOR FIRST TIME RECEIVE AID IN FORM
OF RICE FROM THAILAND, CHINA -- SEEMING INDICATE LAOS

PREPARING CUT SELF LOOSE FROM US AID, IF NECESSARY. USAID IN PROCESS PHASING OUT, TURNING PROPERTY OVER TO LAOTIAN GOVT. CIVIL SERVANT SHIFT BELIEVED FURTHER SIGN PL MIGHT BE ACTING CONSOLIDATE HOLD AT LOWER LEVEL IN BUREAUCRACY (ANDELMAN, NYT). USMC GUARDS TRAPPED IN COMPOUND TELL NEWSMEN OF EXPERIENCE (UPI, NYDN; WP; ANDELMAN, NYT).

CHITRIB FEATURES UPI PHOTO OF PL AND LOYALIST POLICE, ONE WITH DRAWN PISTOL, RESTRAINING LEADER LAOTIAN USAID WORKERS DEMANDING PAYCHECKS. SOUTHERLAND

(CSM) IN VIENTIANE REPORTS THOUSANDS OF VANG PAO'S TRIBESMEN THWARTED IN ATTEMPT FLEE LAOS. GOVT TROOPS STOPPED HMONG (MEO) TRIBESMEN 50 MILES FROM THAI BORDER. MOVEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN STARTED BY LEAFLETS THAT GOVT OFFICIAL ALLEGES BROUGHT IN BY US; AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN VIENTIANE DENIES US HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH LEAFLETS, SAYS WE HAVE NO DESIRE ENCOURAGE HMONG FLEE.

US SEEKS RELEASE 9 AMCITS CAPTURED BANMETHUOT, NHATRANG; GROUP INCLUDES 6 MISSIONARIES, FORD FOUNDATION SCHOLAR, USAID OFFICIAL, CONSULAR OFFICER. DOS' FUNSETH SAYS GROUP HELD IN PLEIKU, US CONCERN CONVEYED SVN AUTHORITIES THROUGH SEVERAL CHANNELS (REUTER, WP; BINDER, NYT). ADDED ESTIMATED 90 AMERICANS REMAIN SVN, MOST WILLINGLY. URGED SVN OFFICIALS CONTINUE COOPERATE IN MIA ACCOUNTING (REUTER, WP).

SVN PROTESTS US REMOVAL OF 2 SVN MIL PLANES FROM SINGAPORE, SINCE AIRCRAFT BELONG TO SVN "PEOPLE"; ADDS SINGAPORE SHOULD MAKE RESTITUTION OF AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OTHER PROPERTY LEFT THERE BY FORMER GVN ARMY. MRS. THANH OF "THIRD FORCE" ANNOUNCES MERGER OF HER MOVEMENT WITH COMMUNIST-LED WOMEN'S LIB ASSN UNCLASSIFIED

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OF SVN (WP). SAIGON SHIPPING AUTHORITIES ISSUE AMENDED, APPARENTLY STRINGENT, NEW REGS FOR PORTS' USE (STRAUSS, JOC).

CONTROVERSIAL CARGO OF ART OBJECTS WILL BE RETURNED TO OWNER BY GUAM GOVT SINCE BELIEVES FAMILY COLLECTION, NOT VN NATL ART TREASURES (AP, PHINQ). AM RED CROSS SAYS WILL TRY HELP GET 9-YR OLD RICHARD ANH TU NGUYEN XUAN OUT OF SAIGON, WHERE LEFT WHEN OTHER AMCITS EVACUATED. SEN BEALL'S OFFICE STATES WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH SECSTATE ON CASE. BOY BORN IN USA; FATHER BALTIMORE MD (SUN).

SOME PAPERS HAVE PHOTOS, ARTICLES, ON REFUGEE ARRIVAL AT NEW CENTER AT FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA. CHITRIB FEATURES UPI PHOTO OF KY IN NEW RENTED HOME IN DC AREA. WP'S JOHNSON WRITES OF VIET FAMILY STARTING NEW LIFE IN VA. NYDN'S WILSON REPORTS PLANES ONCE AGAIN BRING REFUGEES TO PENDLETON. NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT ANY WHO DESIRE REPATRIATION WOULD BE SENT BACK HAS DRAWN FEW TAKERS.

2. JAPAN

HALLORAN (NYT) IN TOKYO SAYS MET TOUR OF JAPAN GOT OFF TO GOOD START THURSDAY WITH WELL-RECEIVED PERFORMANCE "LA TRAVIATA."

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO CITES JAPAN BUSINESS COOPERATION COMM SPOKESMAN MONDAY THAT SEMICHASTONOV ARRIVINGTOKYO FOR WEEK IN MID-JUNE TO "COORDINATE VIEWS" ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT SIBERIAN NATURAL RESOURCES. SOVIET DELEGATION SCHEDULED MEET MIKI, FUKUDA, MIYAZAWA, OHIRA.

STUDY LAST SUMMER SHOWED PHOTOCHEMICAL SMOG, SULPHUR OXIDE POLLUTANTS CAUSING INCREASING DAMAGE RICE, OTHER FOOD PLANTS IN TOKYO, NEIGHBORING AREAS (AFP, PHINQ).

LINDSEY (NYT SPECIAL, MALIBU) DESCRIBES FINANCIAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS STALLING CONSTRUCTION OF 30 MILLION DOL GOLF COURSE, CONDO PROJECT IN MALIBU MTNS BY CHURCH OF PERFECT LIBERTY -- THAT PREACHES LIVING LOT LIKE PLAYING GOLF. P-L MISSIONARY REV YANO SAYS "TRUSTED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS" OF US BUT DISAPPOINTED BY DELAYS.

3. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS THURSDAY ISSUED MARTIAL LAW DECREE ALLOWING CERTAIN US CITIZENS RETAIN LAND HOLDINGS, THUS OVERRIDING SUPREME COURT DECISION. SAID GOP WOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY BEGIN PROCEEDINGS SEIZE LAND OF US FIRMS THAT SUBMITTED DIVESTMENT PLANS AFTER LAUREL-LANGLEY TREATY EXPIRED (UPI, NYT).

4. THAILAND

KUKRIT TOLD PRESS THURSDAY, "DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO AN AMERICAN POLITICIAN" -- HAK'S ONLY INTEREST IS AFFAIRS OF US AND OF ME "BECAUSE HE IS A JEW." KUKRIT SPOKE IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS ABOUT FE ECON

REVIEW REPORT (5/30) THAT SECSTATE TOLD PRESS DURING MAYAGUEZ OPERATION SHOULD PAY NO ATTENTION THAI POLITICIANS PROTESTING US ACTION. MAGAZINE ALSO QUOTED HAK SAYING "PRIVATELY" THAT THAI MILITARY HAPPY OVER US USE OF UTAPAO, AND THAT WHAT MATTERED (AFP, WP; UPI, CHITRIB).

THAILAND, NVN ISSUED BRIEF JOINT STATEMENT THURSDAY AT END WEEK-LONG NORMALIZATION TALKS; STATED FEW PROBLEMS "NEED FURTHER DISCUSSION" IN HANOI SECOND ROUND TALKS (NYT SPECIAL). PHAN HIEN TOLD PRESS US TROOPS REMAIN CONCERN, BUT INDICATED THAI-NVN RELATIONS COULD BE ESTABLISHED EVEN BEFORE US FORCES DEPART NEXT MARCH (UPI, CHITRIB).

MFA SOURCES SAID FIRST WISH OPEN RELATIONS WITH PRC, PROBABLY WITHIN THREE MONTHS, FOR "GREATER SENSE OF SECURITY" IN DEALING WITH HANOI (PALLING, WP).

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5. CHINA

TWO TRACK/FIELD COACHES WITH US TEAM IN PEKING SAY PRC ATHLETES AT LEAST 4-8 YEARS AWAY FROM REACHING INTERNATIONAL LEVEL; FEEL PEKING MUST LEARN WINNING TEAMS CAN'T BE MASS-PRODUCED, EVERY ATHLETE MUST BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY (AP, CSM).

WIDE AP, UPI PHOTO COVERAGE GIVEN PRC MOUNTAINEERS CLIMBING EVEREST (NYT, SUN, PHINQ). CHINESE HAIL "THEIR" WOMAN'S CONQUEST MT (BURNS, CSM); NCNA LABELS EVENT REBUFF TO LIN PIAO/CONFUCIUS "REACTIONARY FALLACY OF MAN BEING SUPERIOR TO WOMAN"; NO MENTION JAPANESE WOMAN RECENTLY SCALED PEAK FROM SOUTH (WP).

SOVIET DEFMIN GRECHKO WARNED IN HARSH SPEECH THURSDAY THAT WESTERN IMPERIALISTS PLOTTING FORM ANTI-USSR ALLIANCE WITH PRC, AIMED AT HALTING DETENTE PROCESS (CSM).

CSM'S HALVERSON REPORTS DOS, DOD INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS INCREASINGLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT PRC-LEAKED RUMORS THAT SOVIET MAY BE SEEKING AIR/NAVAL "BASE RIGHTS" IN SVN; IF SUCH OCCURRED, AMONG REPERCUSSIONS WOULD BE PRC'S BEING DIRECTLY FLANKED ON TWO SIDES BY SOVIETS (IN USIA WIRE-LESS FILE).

NCNA ARTICLE THURS INDICATED PEKING HOPES BRITAIN VOTES CONTINUE EEC MEMBERSHIP (AFP, NYT).

IRAQ ANNOUNCED THURS WILL SUPPLY PRC 50,000 TONS SULPHUR IN NEXT SIX MONTHS (AFP, WP).

SUN'S SEIDEN, IN QUEMOY, REPORTS ISLAND IN 15 YRS SINCE LAST SERIOUS FIGHTING THERE HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO ANTI-COMMUNIST FORTRESS THAT LOOKS AS FORMIDABLE AS IT IS BIZARRE.

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CSM PRINTS ST PETE (FLA) TIMES OPINION THAT HUMANITARIAN AID OUGHT BE OFFERED CAMBODIA THROUGH UN, ICRC, OTHER NON-GOVT AGENCY; SINCE US HELPED KHMERS GET INTO MESS, CAN'T GET THEM OUT OF IT, BUT PERHAPS HELP THEM SURVIVE IT.

CHITRIB'S KIRK WONDERS IF IT RIGHT THAT AMERICANS TRY FORGET INDOCHINA EXPERIENCE. BELIEVES WE NEED ASSESS BLAME, SHOULD HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO GROSSLY ERRED. SEES END RESULT MORE COMPETENT, BETTER INFORMED BUREAUCRACY, LEGISLATURE, PUBLIC AS WE CONSIDER COMMITMENTS ELSEWHERE.

7. JAPAN

DIANA LOERCHER (CSM, IN PHINQ 5/29) FINDS IN "TSUTSUMU: THE ART OF JAPANESE PACKAGING" DESIGN CONCEPT ALMOST UNKNOWN IN WEST. NOTES EXHIBIT SPONSORS--JAPAN SOCIETY, AMERICAN FDN ARTS--PLAN SHOW IN 12 US MUSEUMS, GALLERIES DURING NEXT TWO YEARS.

8. AUSTRALIA

MILLAR (CSM) DISCUSSES AUSTRALIA'S ABORIGINES. TRACES GOVT ATTITUDE TO PRESENT POLICY OF SELF-DETERMINATION WITH ASSISTANCE. BELIEVES PROBLEMS DEEP, BUT WITH IMPROVED EDUCATION, INCREASED PUBLIC CONSIDERATION AND PATIENCE, MAY YET BE SOLVED.

9. GENERAL

CSM BELIEVES HABIB'S ASIA TRIP WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE BACKGROUND INFO FOR POLICY REASSESSMENT THAT MUST TAKE PLACE, AND FOR PRES' PLANNED CHINA VISIT LATER THIS YR (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

10. KOREA

AP'S RODERICK IN SEOUL (STL P-D 5/25) FINDS SOME CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE NK ATTACK ALLAYED BY PRES, SECSTATE, SECDEF ASSURANCES US WILL HONOR DEFENSE

TREATY. SEOUL OFFICIALS BELIEVE WARNINGS NOT UNHEEDED
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IN PYONGYANG, BUT NONE DISCOUNTS POSSIBILITY SHORT,
SHARP ISRAELI-TYPE PENETRATION AT DMZ, OR REAR AREAS,
TO TEST US REACTION. SOME W DIPLOMATS DISCOUNT
KIM VISIT PEKING AS PRELUDE TO 1950-STYLE INVASION
-- CITES AMB SNEIDER TELLING US, SK BUSINESSMEN
US SEES NO BASIC CHANGE IN NEASIA SECURITY SITUATION.
AT SAME TIME, SNEIDER WARNED POTENTIAL FOES NOT
TEMPT "OUR RESOLVE OR READINESS."

BRADSHER (WSTAR 5/29) OBSERVES US OFFICIALS FIND NO
EVIDENCE KIM IL-SUNG WINNING -- OR EVEN SEEKING --
SUPPORT FOR NEW ATTEMPT REUNIFY KOREA BY FORCE.
INSTEAD, SEE KIM WIDER DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR
IMPROBABLE ROLE OF NON-ALIGNED LEADER. BELIEVES
MOSCOW DOES NOT WANT DETENTE DISRUPTED BY MAJOR
CONVENTIONAL WAR BETWEEN US AND COMMUNIST NATION;
PEKING WOULD DISLIKE DISRUPTION THAT MIGHT COMPROMISE
IMPLICIT US WARNING TO MOSCOW AGAINST WAR WITH PRC;
AND NEITHER WISHES SEE JAPAN PUSHED INTO LARGE-SCALE
REARMAMENT BY WAR IN KOREA.

IN ADDITION TO WARNING AGAINST BEING PUSHED TOO FAR,
CROSBY NOYES (WSTAR 5/29) STATES US MUST MAKE ONE
IMMEDIATE, SPECIFIC DECLARATION: THAT FULL POWER OF
US WOULD BE COMMITTED DEFEND SK IF INVADED BY NK --
NOT EXCLUDING NUKES. BELIEVES CERTAINTY USE OF US
FORCES WOULD "VERY PROBABLY" DETER ATTACK; BUT WARNS
ANY HINT US FORCES WOULD NOT BE USED, OR WOULD BE
WITHDRAWN QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WOULD "SEAL DOOM"
SK, AND QUITE POSSIBLY JAPAN AND WEUR.

EVANS/NOVAK (GLOBE 5/29) STATE PRES SEES HIS "MOST
EXPLOSIVE FUTURE PROBLEM" ALONG KOREAN DMZ. PRES
BELIEVES BLATANT NK ATTACK WOULD GO FURTHER TO UNITE US
PEOPLE, CONGRESS BEHIND DEFENSE TREATY THAN ISOLATED
INCIDENT, BUT NOTE FORD WORRIED ABOUT DANGER PARAMILITARY
OR POLITICAL-MILITARY OPERATION CLOAKED IN AMBIGUITY.
BUT IF LATTER CONVINCED HIM OF NEED FOR US MILITARY
SUPPORT, SAY FORD WOULD STAKE NOT ONLY PRESIDENCY, BUT
VALIDITY, CREDIBILITY OF US TO PROVIDE IT. INGERSOLL

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